

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re:

Applicant : Thomas R. Lyon
Serial No. : to be determined
Filed : to be determined
For : CLEAR VIEW CANNULA

**Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**

Honorable Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

This is a Preliminary Amendment to the attached application.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1 line 8, insert -- This is a divisional application of Serial No. 09/293,284 filed April 16, 1999. --

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel the original claims nos. 1-13 and insert the following.

14. A method of using a clear view cannula in arthroscopic surgery comprising the steps of:
 - a. Providing a clear view cannula suitable for providing visibility within a joint cavity of a patient, the clear view cannula having a tubular body and a cylindrical sleeve defining a longitudinal axis, the clear view cannula defining a through hole aligned with the longitudinal axis and having shield members configured for expanding